

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 29, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 1, as follows:

The rotary surface plate 111 has a plurality of nozzles 111b, [[11b]] 111b ... penetrating the surface plate 111 in its thickness direction. The plurality of nozzles 111B, 111b, ... are provided so as to correspond to the work 400 in the carrier 500 when the rotary surface plate 111 is stopped at the original position. These nozzles 111b, 111b, ... are connected to a suction apparatus (not shown) via conduits 111c, 111c, ... provided between the rotary surface plate 111 and the disk section of the rotary support member 111a, vertical holes 111d, 111d, ... formed in a shaft section of the rotary support section 111a, a rotary joint 111e attached to the shaft section, and other components.

Page 59, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 26, as follows:

The lower surface plate 901 is a disk having no through-hole in its center. The lower surface plate 901 is concentrically mounted on a rotation shaft 916. A sun gear 907 is fixedly mounted on the center of the lower surface plate 901 using bolts. On the other hand, the lower surface plate [[902]] 901 has an annular waste liquid pan 915 below the lower surface plate [[902]] 901 for receiving a grinding liquid ejected to a periphery of the lower surface plate [[1]] 901. The upper surface plate 902 is driven independently of the lower surface plate 901 by means of a drive mechanism (not shown).